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REF: 1. STATE 173674 DATED 7/10/78 SUBJECT
CONSOLIDATION OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE OFFICES
2. PARIS 35068 DATED 12/1/77
3. PARIS 11655 DATED 4/10/78

1. REFTEL 1 REQUESTS ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON THE
PROPOSALS OF VARIOUS POSTS WHICH RECOMMENDED THE
CONSOLIDATION OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE OFFICES WITH
DAOS. CONSOLIDATION WAS NOT REPEAT NOT OUR RECOMMEN-
DATION' EMBASSY PARIS RECOMMENDED AND STILL DOES
THAT THE OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION (ODC) BE
ABOLISHED.

2. PARA 6 PARIS 35068 (REF 2) WHICH DESCRIBES HOW
THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IS REPEATED BELOW:

" THIS OFFICE IS THE SUCCESSOR TO THE OLD MAAG,
AND THE DUTIES OF ITS 6 AMERICAN AND 6 FRENCH
EMPLOYEES INCLUDE CONTINUED MANAGEMENT OF THE
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HANDLING AND DISPOSAL OF MILITARY HARDWARE SUPPLIED
TO FRENCH FORCES UNDER PREVIOUS AID PROGRAMS NO
LONGER EXTANT, MANAGEMENT OF MAP AND FAP, ADMINIS-
TRATION OF MUTUAL WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT, ORGANIZING
TRAINING IN THE US FOR FRENCH PERSONNEL, AND
SERVING AS A CONTACT POINT FOR FREQUENT US HIGH-
LEVEL MILITARY VISITORS. IT IS UNDER THE SUPER-

VISION OF EUCOM. I BELIEVE THE TIME HAS COME TO TAKE THE SECOND BITE OF THE MAAG CHERRY AND CLOSE THE ODC OFFICE AND ABOLISH THE 6 AMERICAN POSITIONS. LEGISLATION WOULD BE NEEDED TO ELIMINATE THE ACCOUNTABILITY RESPONSIBILITY, OR A PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION NEEDED TO CHANGE ITS LOCUS TO THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE, WHICH IS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY PL 94-329 OF JUNE 30, 1976, FROM THIS RESPONSIBILITY. HOWEVER, THE ACCOUNT-ABILITY FUNCTION COULD BE CENTRALIZED UNDER EUCOM IN GERMANY AND OPERATED ON A TDY BASIS WITH VISITS TO FRANCE AS NECESSARY FOR THE CONTROL OF EQUIPMENT USE-DISPOSAL. THE CONTACT ROLE FOR VISITORS AND SERVING AS OSD'S AND EUCOM'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FRENCH MOD COULD WELL BE PERFORMED BY THE MILITARY ATTACHES, BUT WOULD NECESSITATE THE TRANSFER OF TWO POSITIONS TO THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE."

3. PARA 5 OF PARIS 11655 (REF 3) REPEATED BELOW REITERATES OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT THE ODC PARIS OFFICE BE ABOLISHED.

" THIS OFFICE, THE SUCCESSOR TO THE OLD MAAG, WITH 6 AMERICANS (THREE UNIFORMED, THREE CIVILIANS) AND 6 FSLs MUST GO. IT PERFORMS CERTAIN MARGINALLY USEFUL RESIDUAL MAAG DUTIES WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COULD BE HANDLED BY TDY OUT OF EUCOM, AND SERVES AS A VISITORS' BUREAU FOR THE IMPRESSIVE NUMBER OF HIGH RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS WHO COME TO PARIS. THE DEFENSE ATTACHE'S OFFICE COULD ABSORB THE LATTER WITHOUT INCREASED STAFFING."
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